Five Ways to Think about Change – Kopinetz

1. Wiki space –“virtual museum”

This area will display current technology ideas, projects, & uses being used in classrooms across the school or district. (It can be managed by student committee or staff) If responsible students manage it, feedback on the success of these ideas could be documented here as well as teachers and students. Students and teachers would receive credit for actively using the area.

I find once teachers are exposed to new ideas by the district soon many disciplines are using the same thing and the students actually find these technologies overused. I also think teachers would find it helpful to see who in the building or district is using what device, app, software, or tool to engage students in learning. This wiki will be a constantly changing space where teachers can talk with fellow teachers about technology concerns, questions, and interests.

1. Technology commercials – We have a televised program every morning for both staff and students. During this time, teachers or students could briefly “advertise” to the school population educational-based tools or websites that may be of interest. This will encourage the “we are all learning” environment.
2. Community Open House –

Instead of the traditional open-house, allow parents, taxpayers, and community members in general see how technology is being used in school today to enhance the learning experience. This may be in conjunction with the Techno-Fair (#5)

1. Give teachers (maybe even students who are interested) “technology time” each cycle devoted to allow for exploration, collaboration, and experimentation with new technologies available to them. Life long learning will be fostered from this experience.
2. Techno-Thon or Fair – This assembly would include students and teachers demonstrating their knowledge and learning in their learning and teaching encouraging the sharing of ideas in non-threatening ways to community, staff, and peers.